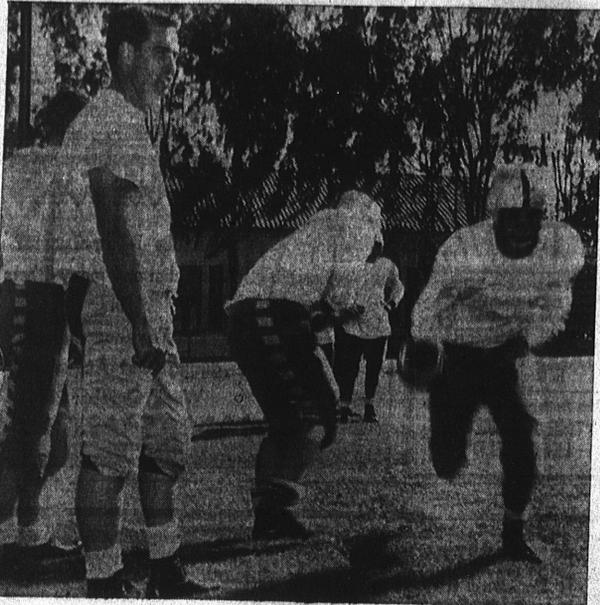


# Inexperience Shows In First Week Of THS Practice



**HANDOFF . . .** Torrance High School Backfield Coach Dick Leech puts his backs through a handoff drill during the first week of football practice at the local school. The Tartars are sharpening their single-wing offense for the first game of the year against San Bernardino High School in San Bernardino Sept. 25. Since every other school in the Bay League got a week's start in practice this year, Head Coach Cliff Graybehl has been running his charges on double sessions all week.

## Mentors Turn On The Heat At THS Drills

"When the sun gets hot the grass turns white" as the old saying goes, but the opposite seems to be true out around the Torrance High School football field.

Coaches Cliff Graybehl and Dick Leech began to turn on the heat at the end of the first week of practice but the warmth brought out nothing but green—the greenness of many of the inexperienced Tartars.

Summing up the results of the first week of workouts, Coach Graybehl brushed aside a tear and said: "We look horrible."

The boys were put through a light passing scrimmage to see where their weak points were and "nobody could catch the ball," according to Graybehl.

A few of the gridders, however, assuaged Coach Graybehl's sadness. Don Kasten, senior fullback, looked sharp and Tom Smith, a guard who transferred from Excelsior High School, was a standout. Right halfbacks Joe Lafferty and Jerry Burns also had Graybehl smiling through the tears.

The most consistent of the passers during the first week turned out to be Billy Mescham, up from the "B" according to the coach. Graybehl also sees a glimmer of hope at the blocking back spot, where Dick Piazza and Skip Smith are fighting it out, with Piazza having the edge in experience. Lack of condition caused a rash of minor strains and pains.

## ROD and GUN CHATTER

Torrance Rod and Gun Club

By DONNA BARBDULL  
Labor Day holidays had many local sport-wise enthusiasts heading for the tall timber, the desert or the briny deep. Doves are more than plentiful down Imperial Valley way, but fishing has been lousy, or about 1/2 as good as it used to be. As yet no all-catch, still hoping! Rumors say there are loads of blue-fin in the channel, but they just won't bite. Anglers must still be content with the smaller game fish for a while longer.

In my last column I reported, along with several other newspapers, of an 18 pound 6 ounce barracuda landed by a Torrance angler from San Clemente waters. With a Barry that size, the angler was sure of a grand prize in the Examiner Derby, besides setting some kind of record for this coast. The officials for the derby talked with the skipper of the boat that caught was supposedly made from the weightmaster who it was said, weighed the catch, and everyone else concerned, and not ONE person would or could verify said catch. One would think the person who gave a record fish would remember doing so. Naturally the angler was disqualified. Me thinks he should be boiled in oil!

By now the Yellowtail Derby in San Diego is old stuff. Our local guys and gals tried, but it just wasn't their day. Some of them didn't even fish the second fish-off day because of conditions which prevailed on the boats. The main complaint was that they were just too crowded, which made for too many tangled lines and no fishing time.

Blanche Nagy and Lola Webb had a field day in Acapulco, Mexico recently. The two gals flew down to the scenic fishing haven on their vacation from National Supply Co. Blanche landed a beautiful sailfish sinking the scales at 102 pounds, measuring 4 feet 3 inches. Lola missed her sail, but landed a good size shark for the fun of it.

Helen Smith, Kay Shelton, and Shirley Smith braved the wilds of the High Sierras last Wednesday, landing several anchovy size golden trout. The trio took off at dawn from Torrance airport in a light plane piloted by Bob Pfeleger, owner-operator of Eagle Aviation, and landed in Monache Meadows, away up! It's a nine hour pack-in trip by horse, besides the long drive from here. They fished all day then flew home the same evening. That's for me! Roughing it in comfort.

Bull bass are still hitting, but solid! Member Joe Fanning chartered the Happy Jack over the holidays, taking three of his buddies, Fished Silver Canyon off Catalina for white sea bass with no luck, but they filled their sacks with bull bass from

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# Sports

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## 1-0 Loss Drops Midland Rubber From Tournament

A tightly played, 1-0 loss to the Gardena American Legion dropped Midland Rubber, City "A" league champs, from the Southern California Minor Division softball tournament at Roosevelt Park Thursday night.

The loss brought to an end a 20-game win streak piled up by Midland during the last weeks of summer play.

Charlie Camou charged the hill for the locals and gave up four hits while his teammates were collecting three. The Gardena men scored their sole run in the third on a walk, a stolen base and a clean single.

Charlie and Hank Camou and Phil Morehart garnered hits for Midland. It was the last game of the season for Midland, according to Ron Rowlin, team spokesman. The champs plan to take a long rest in preparation for next season, and the defense of the Torrance City crown.

## Scrums Begin In ECC Alum, Varsity Camps

With two weeks practice under their belts, Coach Norm Verry's El Camino College Warriors Varsity and Coach Ambly Schindler's burly Alumni squad got down to the scrimmaging stage early this week as they continued to tune up for the Varsity-Alumni season-opener on Saturday evening, Sept. 19.

Among the top alumni prospects who joined the oldest squad are Jim Sears, USC All-American; Sooko Torres, All-Conference halfback in 1950, Phil Dare, standout in 1947 and Dick Turner, fullback at College of Idaho last year. In the front line will be Bob Warnock, a member of the championship squad last year; also Bob Weinberger and Bernie Flaherty.

In addition to eight lettermen who returned, the Warrior Varsity has the highly-rated Bob Isaacson, fullback at Gardena last year; Jim Clark, tackle from Inglewood; Tom Maroux, guard and Tom Smith, tackle, both from Torrance.

## City Softball Managers Plan To Form Group

There's safety in numbers and strength in organization, and the managers of the city "A" and "B" softball leagues were out to take advantage of both this week.

The "A" and "B" managers will hold a meeting on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall with the object of forming a Softball Managers Association to facilitate league play next season. The association will elect its own officers, determine its own playing rules, and possibly form its own association of umpires. All protests will go through the association rather than through the Recreation Department.

The City Recreation Department will have an ex-officio member attend the meetings and the Department will help the leagues line up their games, according to Recreation Director Harry Van Belleham.

Van Belleham hopes to work with the managers group to form a winter volleyball league in the city. The league, if formed, would run four nights a week at the Torrance High School gymnasium.

Volleyball was chosen in preference to touch football because the net game could be played at night, while football would probably have to be played on Saturday afternoons, Van Belleham said.

## Little Coast League B's

The Torrance Little Coast locals and allowed a measly League "B" baseball team dropped five hits. His teammates collected seven hits with Gene Crenshaw and Steve Foster both going two for three.

### BOX SCORES

Inglewood	AB	H	R
Jacobs, 2b	2	0	0
Biggerstaff, ss	4	1	1
Price, c	3	1	2
Grayson, 3b	3	1	1
Penjoyen, 1b	4	2	1
O'Neal, rf	3	0	0
Clayton, cf	1	0	0
Garrett, cf	2	0	2
Ogden, lf	2	0	1
Familuro, p	1	0	1
Overann, rf	0	0	0

Torrance "B"	AB	H	R
Buchanan, lf	4	0	1
Hester, 2b	4	2	2
Vanderpool, R, 3b	3	0	0
Farrington, ss	2	1	2
Crenshaw, 1b	3	2	2
Cray, cf	1	0	0
Foster, c	3	2	1
Ray Vanderpool, p	3	0	0
Scholls, rf	2	0	0

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## Plane Makes Fishing Trip Easy

Did you ever get the yen to go mountain fishing in the middle of the week, when you didn't have time to go fishing?

Three Torrance fisherwomen did last Wednesday, and an eight-hour drive and a nine-hour pack trip didn't bother them at all—they flew—leaving at 6 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. the same day.

The girls, Shirley Smith and Helen Smith, sisters-in-law whose husbands own the Cycle and Sports shops in Torrance and in Lomita, and Kay Shelton whose husband owns a sign shop here, flew up to Monache Meadows in the Sierras just south of Mt. Whitney, and did a little fishing in the Kern River.

The chartered plane and pilot Bob Pfeleger, of Eagle Aviation, made the 180-mile trip in one hour and 45 minutes. They didn't catch many fish, but they had fun and are ready to go again, according to Helen Smith.

Landing the plane in the little meadow was easy, but taking off again was "kinda scary," she said. Pfeleger took Helen and the equipment out first, then returned for the other two women.

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**VACATION CATCH . . .** Blanche Nagy, right, editor of National News at National Supply Co., weighs 102 lbs. and so does the huge sailfish, center, which she caught recently down Acapulco, way. The fish is nine feet three inches long—a bit longer than Blanche—and took her 45 minutes to land. Lola Webb, left, also of National Supply, missed two hookups but finally caught the shark on her left. The boys are deck hands on the "Lancha Tona" fishing boat out of Acapulco.

liard down in Blythe, all coming back the next night with their limits.

On the weekend-end Ray and Helen Sleppy, Jack Stevens, Dean and myself braved the heat in Holtville, which should be called "Hotville." It was so hot during the afternoon that you risked having your gun barrel melting if you left it outside. (110 and above). Anyway it was worth it. Dove all over the place. You don't have to stalk your birds, they come to you. You can get your limit in an hour or two. At least you could then, maybe now they are getting a little gun shy. Not with me though. They could sit on the end of my barrel and I still couldn't hit them.

Next meeting of the Torrance Rod and Gun is tomorrow night, 8:00 p.m. McMaster Park.

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